

LIBSHOUT!

Library Communications Newsletter

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We're Open Again! (Sort of....)

I am currently writing this from the comfort of a University Library PC which can only mean one thing... we're back in work!

At the end of May, our team worked tirelessly to organise the opening of our new booking service, which allows users to book a timed slot to return books and collect reservations. Finally, on Tuesday 2nd June, after 71 days of lockdown (48 working days!), the University of Bolton Library reopened to begin this service. So far, it has run very smoothly, and it has been a pleasure to see our colleagues at work again.

This month's *LibShout!* features the work we completed in May and early June. Thank you all for your hard work and fantastic submissions.

Here's a bonus kind tweet from one of our Nursing students whose work was recently published on UBIR:



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New Library Booking Service

As the lockdown in England eased, our new 'click-and-collect' service began. Here's a selection of photos to show what we have been up to at work.

We need to give a huge thanks to everyone who has helped students return their books and got stuck into shelving all the returned stock. This includes Mohamed Adia, Tracey Gill, Duncan Gowans, Rob Gray, Pam Hardy, Sarah Markham, Lisa McLellan, Raesa Mulla, Susan Ward and Sarah White.



Sneak Peek of the Help Desk screens



New social distancing markers



Books in Quarantine



Lots & lots of shelving!

A special shout-out is needed for Tim Leonard who developed the new booking system on LibCal and tried and tested it until it worked perfectly. Robert Gray, Sarah Markham and Raesa Mulla also deserve recognition for organising the process of students entering the building and fine-tuning the details on how reservations are managed.

Last, but certainly not least, we need to thank Trevor Hodgson and Derek Rout for ensuring our safety at work, which must have felt like an impossible task at the very start.

Northern Collaboration Special Collections Group

By Tim Leonard

We are now part of this group for university libraries with special collections and archives across the North. The group has been founded to encourage co-operation and advocacy. We're members alongside universities like Manchester, Liverpool, York, MMU, UCLAN and more.

The group will work together on bids for external funding – it may be making an application for funding from the National Archives shortly. Other work includes liaising with services such as the Archives Hub, to increase the awareness of the group and our collections. This will be a really helpful network for us as we start to develop our Special Collections in future!

LiveChat Comments Of The Month

Here is a selection of some of the kind comments left by users over the past month.

Quick and helpful response, So helpful thank you Mary.

Rob made my day.

Brilliant problem solving platform for remote learning and learners!

Very helpful and provided me with the links I required and alternatives.

The chat was very helpful.

Great support, thank you Mark.

Excellent and quick advice from Raesa

International Nurses Day 2020

We celebrated International Nurses Day on 12th May, marking Florence Nightingale's 200th birthday and the amazing work nurses do across the globe. Nurses shared their yellow selfies in an online campaign to signify hope and a brighter future after COVID-19. We joined in by creating a yellow 'shelfie' to promote our nursing resources and say a little thank you to our carers.



Yellow 'Shelfie' for IND 2020

UOB Researcher Academy

By Tim Leonard

We've been given access to a new e-learning resource for postgraduate researchers called Researcher Academy. We are the first University in the UK to get our own dedicated Researcher Academy site! This means that the site uses University of Bolton branding, and we can set up custom learning pathways of content.

Mental Health Awareness Week

18th-24th May 2020

We supported the Life Lounge in creating content for Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme this year was 'kindness', so we shared ideas of how to spread kindness in a post on our Library blog. We also published our Wellbeing reading list and shared our staff picks of self-care books from our own personal collections!



Librarians At Leisure

As always, here's the bonus page of stories and photos sent in by our team. Many thanks to those who submitted this month!

Lisa McLellan's Amazing Wildlife Conservation Work

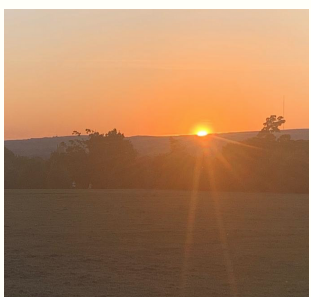
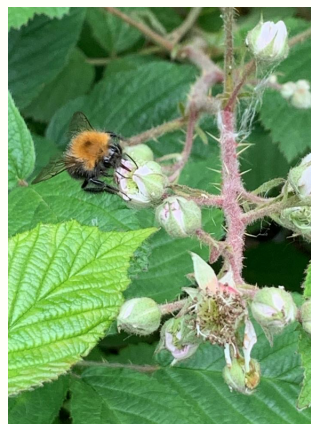
"During lock down I've been helping a local conservation group where I live named the Gravel Pits Action Group.

The main thing I've been doing is checking on the wildlife. There's a lot of Roe Deer so I need to ensure that dogs are not running loose.

The Wildlife ponds need protecting as a lot of people don't understand how to handle amphibians properly.

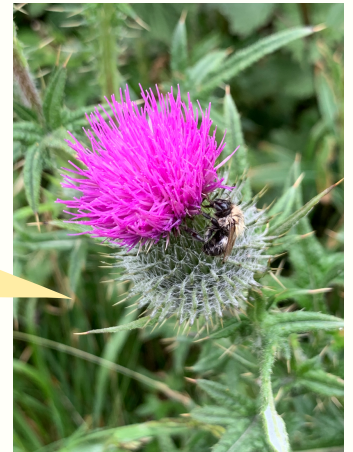
There has been some anti-social behaviour with illegal campfires, tents and vandalism; I just report anything that I find.

It has been a pleasure though to watch the area flourish and my highlight this year was watching a family of foxes grow up."



Pam Hardy's Colourful Garden Photography:

"I've sent this photo to Owain on North West news weather! So fingers crossed it will be on!"



Tim Leonard's Crafty Mario Levels:

"I made these Mario levels out of an old cardboard box. I had some help with the painting. They want some extra levels now - I may have to do a Lava level and Bowser's castle.

We've also made a massive cardboard train that is taking up way too much room in my house!"



What's Next?

- Pride Month Begins, 1st June
- World Environment Day, 5th June
- Summer Solstice, 20th June
- Father's Day, 21st June